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All-time high attendance for MSC meeting

CYBERJAYA, Thurs. — The Seventh International Advisory Panel meeting of the Multimedia Super Corridor began today with the highest number of attendees since the MSC was launched in 1996.

Seventeen IAP members and 14 representatives gathered at the Cyberview Lodge Resort here, for the two-day meeting chaired by IAP-MSC chairman Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The panel, which has guided the development of the MSC since it was launched, now embarks on the second phase of growth targeted for the 2003 to 2010 period.

The objectives during this phase is to link the MSC with other global cybercities to create a web of corridors, set global standards in flagship applications, and harmonise the global framework of cyberlaws.

Among the topics of discussion are business strategies, global outsourcing, creative industries, new technologies, and co-operation between universities and industries.

Two new members joined the IAP this year: Ramalinga Raju, chairman of Satyam Computer Services Ltd, and Dennis Robertson, vice-provost for New Initiatives at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Other IAP members are Silicon Graphics Inc chairman and chief executive officer Bob Bishop, Cutler & Company managing director Dr Terry Cutler, Infosys Technologies Ltd Chairman N.R. Narayana Murthy, The Heritage Foundation president Dr Edwin J. Feulner, NTT Communications Corporation president and chief executive officer Masanobu Suzuki, The Acer Group chairman Datuk Dr Stan Shih, Sun Microsystems chief researcher and science director Dr John Gage, Siemens Information and Communication Networks executive group board member Anton Hendrik Schaaf, Stanford University's Herbert Hoover Professor of Public and Private Management Prof William F. Miller, Ericsson Group executive vice-president Ragnar Back, University of Cambridge vice-chancellor Prof Sir Alec Broers, Cyber Century Forum chairman Ambassador Diana Lady Dougan, IDtrack president Robert Madge, Institute for International Socio-Economic Studies Japan chairman Datuk Dr Tadahihiro Sekimoto, and Oracle Corporation Asia Pacific Division executive vice-pres-